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RE: Proposed Resolution Boycotting Hewlett Packard

Dear Cambridge City Council:

Although we currently reside in Boston, we have many ties to Cambridge. We lived in Cambridge for years, owned property there, banked at local banks, sent our children to Buckingham, Browne and Nichols and were members of Temple Shalom. One of us was a hearing examiner at the Cambridge Rent Control Board, volunteered at the Cambridgeport Problem Center, was part of a Cambridge writers group and took courses at the Cambridge School for Adult Education. Although we know that Cambridge is a liberal and diverse city full of many humane people, we are shocked and outraged by the reported support for the BDS resolution before the Cambridge City Council for the boycott of a respected corporation that does business with Israel.

When so many nations routinely persecute their citizens, Iran, Syria, Myanmar, Russia to name a few, why is Israel, the only democracy in the Middle East, singled out time after time for boycott? Can it be that anti Semitism, always waiting in the wings for an excuse to rear is its ugly head, is at it again?

Those who support BDS blame Palestinians misery on Israel, while the blame really lies with the Palestinian leadership. They live in luxury in Qatar, drive fancy cars and horde millions of dollars that are earmarked for aid to Palestine, while their brethren live in substandard conditions. Where are the protests against them?

Do you honestly think that Israel doesn't want Palestinians to have their own state? That Israel wants to continue to expose its citizens to terrorist attacks, not to mention the expenditure of millions of dollars on defending itself? The truth is the Palestinians just don't want Israel in the neighborhood. And the agenda of their leaders doesn't include peace. When Bill Clinton was President the Israelis agreed to withdraw from Palestinian territory but Arafat refused the deal because the quid pro quo was recognition of Israel's right to exist, a concession he would not make, not to mention that his lucrative career in terror would be over.

There is never outrage, except among Jews, when Palestinians murder innocent Israeli children. The attitude seems to be "they're getting their just desserts". But when Israel

defends itself against riots that include terrorists intent on destroying it, the BDS movement gains traction. The easy and intellectually dishonest answer is that the Palestinians have a right to riot and rebel against “imperialist” Israeli. But Israel wants peace and has always been ready to negotiate for peace. But no nation that has been infiltrated by secret tunnels and is constantly being attacked by missiles and terrorists who target civilians would fail to defend itself and impose security measures.

If this resolution passes, the passage itself is a hate crime against Israel and a cover for anti Semitism. The City that houses some of the most esteemed universities in the world should recognize this resolution for what it really is, slander against Israel, capitalization on anti Semitism and a concession to haters. If this resolution passes we will sadly have nothing further to do with Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

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